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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Art Unit 1756
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Christophe Pierrat, et al.) Examiner: Daborah Chacko-Davis
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Sir:

This replies to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed on August 11, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. In the August 11, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner interposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-15 drawn to an apparatus, classified in class

359, subclass 649.

II. Claims 16-27 drawn to a method, classified in class 430, subclass 311.

Applicants elect Group II, namely, claims 16-27, without traverse.

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